



# Market Bulletin

Bob Odom, Commissioner



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## Christmas 1927, Lafayette

A short story by Samuel R. Irwin

It was Thanksgiving Day, 1927, in Lafayette and Father John Wright stood in the sacristan of St. John's Cathedral.

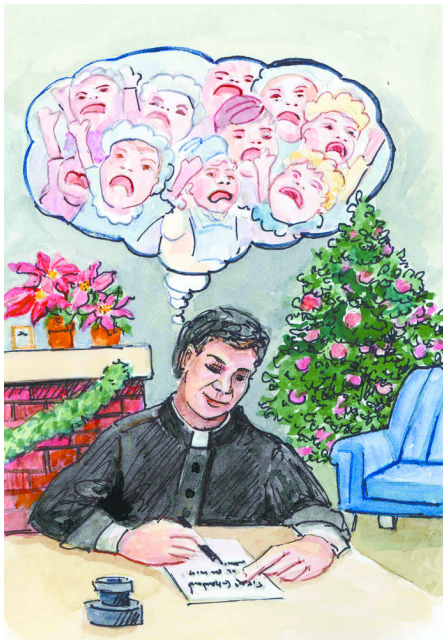
"Oh, there are too many of them," he muttered to himself. "With all that incessant crying, how am I going to choose? Sweet Jesus, guide me, reveal to me your wisdom."

He stopped to listen for a moment, half expecting an immediate answer. When none came he whispered under his breath, "Sometimes you're as hard to reach as the Bishop."

Every year the junior priest of the parish directed the annual St. John's Christmas Pageant, and this year, as the junior priest, the difficult task of choosing an infant to play the Baby Jesus fell on Father John.

Father John, or *Pere Jean*, as the French-speaking Cajuns of Lafayette called him, was "*un Americain*", a label applied, sometimes derisively, to anyone who came from north of Alexandria. Not only was he "*un Americain*," he was also the first non-Cajun priest in the entire diocese.

Even though Father John was descended from the same deported Acadians of New Brunswick that settled Louisiana, he was acutely aware of his classification as an outsider. His family had settled in Connecticut and somehow the French language had been preserved in his childhood home. In fact, his grandmother had been a Gonsolin, a surname common to south Louisiana, but his lineage did not satisfy the locals. He spoke an educated French that intimidated the Cajuns, and his sermons lacked the nuance of the area's dialect.



"There are too many of them" by Ralph Chabaud. Ralph is the husband of Asst. State Veterinarian Dr. Martha Littlefield Chabaud.

*Every year the holiday season brings with it a time for reflection, renewal and resolve for the future. This year, I am reminded again of how God has truly blessed my family and me.*

*With the election process complete, I am humbled by the overwhelming support and confidence you have placed in me as your Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry. I look forward to working with the farmers and foresters of this state in the coming year as we encounter the highs and lows of agriculture and forestry. As the state's largest employers, the agriculture and forestry industries are the backbone of our economy, our culture and our heritage. Agriculture and forestry is the greatest contributor to our state's and nation's gross domestic product.*

*You have worked hard this year and, for many of you, the results have been much better. It's still a struggle, but I see brighter days ahead for agriculture and forestry.*

*During the holidays, take time to relax and enjoy the company of your family. Savor the abundant food our state has to offer and have a safe and prosperous New Year.*

Bob & Millie Odom,  
his family and staff



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December 31, 1927  
Mrs. Laurent Gonsolin  
Amesville, Connecticut

Dearest Grandmother,

*It has been five months since I arrived in Lafayette and have been welcomed, not exactly warmly, but welcomed nevertheless. The "cadjins" are reluctant to engage me in conversation because they tell me "You talk that good French," but I continue to attempt communication. Only under the anonymity of confession do I really get a chance to listen to their French. The accent is very similar to the one that was spoken by our ancestors in New Brunswick and our home.*

*The geography here is radically different from what I am accustomed to and the climate is sweltering. In fact, malaria is still a very real threat in this part of the country. Only in late October did it seem to cool. They tell me there are only two seasons here, hot and not so hot.*

*Louisiana is full of muddy waterways the inhabitants call "bayous." There is nothing here like the babbling stone-lined brooks of grandfather's farm. They are but a distant memory. There are no hills to speak of and no one younger than sixty has ever seen snow. Only ten people in the entire parish have ever*

*seen anything resembling a mountain. On the other hand, I had never seen the vast golden meadows of the marsh and the striking beauty of the cypress tree in the swamps*

*Just like the refugees of the Grand Derangement of 1755, God has deported me to a strange land, but I trust that He will protect and allow me to minister to those in need ...*

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Father John did not expect to stay in Louisiana past his allotted time, but since Lafayette was his first posting, he was determined to do a proper job. Now, standing among the screaming infants he felt an enormous pressure to choose just the right Baby Jesus from among the seventy-five or so children who had been born in 1927. And this group was just the boys! There were still about thirty-five girls to consider. In fact, he had to consider any baby brought to him, regardless of age. Babies with walking ability were disqualified, but that did not help his quandary much. Girl babies were not seriously considered either, but some parents brought them by the rectory to receive a blessing from the Monsignor if he was available. If not, they reluctantly took the felicitation from Father John, *Americain* or not.

Father John had no problem casting the parts of Joseph and Mary or the rest of the pageant's cast for that matter. For the last ten years the same parishioners had been laying

claim to all the roles. Indeed aged Monsieur Jumonville had played the role of the Innkeeper for as long as anyone could remember.

Ovid and Aspasia Colette Hebert, who played Joseph and the Virgin Mary, had remained childless after 12 years of marriage. They now held out a pathetic, fragile hope that somehow their connection with the Pageant would bring about a pregnancy, an "immaculate conception" of their own.

Aristle Mouton, the Banque de Lafayette president and the town's leading citizen, played one of the Magi and his first grandson, tiny Paul Mouton, was considered by the town to be the front-runner for Baby Jesus. Paul's popularity was not for his beauty, but because of his grandfather's standing in the community.

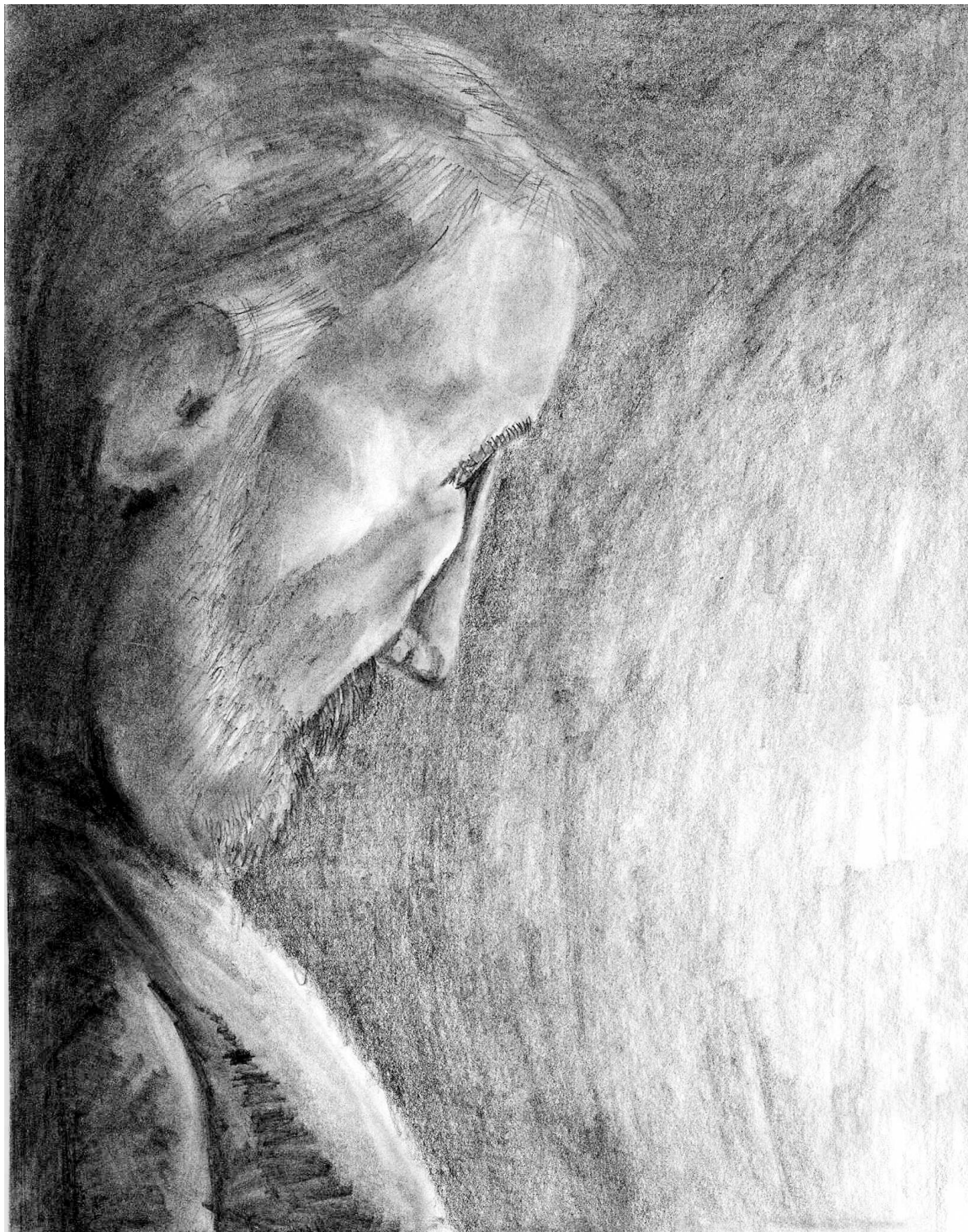
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*... As you know I was given the task of directing the church's Christmas Pageant. The most difficult task was choosing a baby to play the Christ child. There were many who suggested in no uncertain terms it would be clever of me to pick Paul Mouton, Aristle Mouton's grandson. "Il est beau," they said. It was intimated that M. Mouton could do things to improve my position. Truthfully speaking, M. Mouton's grandson was any-*

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**"Take courage and pray to choose wisely" by Casey Foote.** Casey is the nephew of LDAF employee Jeanette Barnett, parts room operator at the Woodworth Automotive Repair Shop.

thing but a bundle of joy. Baby Paul was not very cute or comely to regard, and sadly, for Paul, this appears to be an inescapable family trait. His nose is shaped like a grape and the ears too large for a baby. The general perception is that of a large prune and he was quite literally the crybaby. But you tell me, Grand-mere, when is the truth ever spoken about infants? ...

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Clovis Bertrand, another of the three wise men, was the largest landowner in the parish. He grew sugar cane, raised cattle and dabbled in quarterhorses. He was partial to his grandnephew's baby son, Pierre, but since he was approaching crawling age, Clovis knew he would not be chosen. He might likely choose Christmas Eve to start crawling and crawl right off the altar, injuring himself and ending the Pageant.

The third king, Monsieur Octa DelaHoussaye wasn't exactly a leading businessman; he was the town's barber, but since he knew all the shop talk, he held a respected place in the patriarchy of Lafayette.

He had a new young barber in his employ by the name of Ulysses Arcenaux whose sister-in-law, Beatrice, had a beautiful baby named Robert Kermit Irwin. Nicknamed T-Bob, the infant was always smiling, and all who held him agreed he was the most beautiful baby in the town.

Father John, reviewing the list of eligible babies, had culled many of the children with one look at the names on the paper. DuPlantier, Broussard, Thibodeaux, St. Pierre, Mouton, Arcenaux, Irwin, ... Irwin? The Irwin name stood out like a, well, an *Americain* in a community of Cajuns. But when Father John had held tiny Robert he knew he could choose no better. He would have chosen T-Bob on the spot at the audition if only his name were Dupuis or Benoit or Calais, but Robert Kermit Irwin, even with a French pronunciation, still sounded *Americain*.

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... I enlisted the aid of Monsignor Hebert to choose the baby to play the Christ child. Quite simply he was no help at all. He may have

even made my task more difficult since he only advised me to "Take courage and pray to choose wisely." I took that to mean not insulting the wealthier supporters of St. John's. There was one child perfect for the duty but he was the child of a Protestant *Americain* named Irwin, but he was also the son of one of St. John's most loyal parishioners, Beatrice Hebert Lanclos Irwin ...

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Momma Bea, as her children called her, attended Mass nearly every day. She had worked as a seamstress from age nine and quit that profession at seventeen when she married Andre Lanclos. Her four-year old daughter, Gladys, and Andre died in the flu epidemic of 1919-20, and she was forced to take up the trade again to support herself and her family. All of her surviving children, Leola, Raymond, and Lois Lanclos were enrolled at Cathedral School for Boys and Mount Carmel, and like nearly all of the children who started school in south Louisiana they spoke French first and learned English in

the classroom.

Robert Irwin was the only child of Momma Bea's second marriage to Samuel Houston Irwin of Colfax, and this was a problem for Father John. Sam was certainly an *Americain*; he was very tall and spoke atrocious English with a hill-billy accent. Some had heard that Sam's father had participated in the Colfax Riots and killed several former slaves. Worst of all, he was a Protestant. The only way he was allowed to marry Bea was to agree to raise any issue of the union as Catholic. So it was that little Bob Irwin had been baptized and was brought to the attention of Father John.

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... I would choose Robert over the others, but Madame Irwin's young daughter, Lois is said to be a traiteuse, a healer. There are some in the congregation who believe she is eminently qualified to be a healer since she was unborn in the womb when her father died. Despite her daughter's vociferous protestations, the aforementioned Madame Irwin, makes her child hold any sick infants that are brought to her. Some even ask the little girl to blow into the baby's mouth, thinking it will bring them good fortune and cure thrush, a practice I'm told little Lois hates to do. I have tried to dissuade the devoted Madame Irwin from this pagan behavior, but she always requires the concerned and anxious parents to lay alms at the altar of the cathedral. The Monsignor and Bishop cast a blind eye to this practice. Indeed, they are happy to receive the donations.

There are some pious souls in the community and among the religious who think the whole idea of faith healing akin to blasphemy and would no doubt like to see a witch burning on the banks of Bayou Vermilion. Because of this I thought it most wise and expedient to choose the infant Paul Mouton for the honor of the role of the Baby Jesus ...

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Father John asked Momma Bea to repair the old costumes and make new ones for the Pageant. She didn't know how close her baby son had come to being chosen for the part of the Christ child, but many of her friends and relatives and her socially upscale customers insisted that stupid priest *Americain* had deprived Bob of the role. It mattered little to Bea. She was happy to have the extra work. After putting her children to bed, she toiled by the light of a coal oil lamp on the sequined pageant costumes.

As Christmas Eve approached the weather turned unseasonably cold, but life in Lafayette went on. Pageant rehearsals were going well, despite directorial interference from Father John. Since all of the players knew their roles so well, they spent inordinate amounts of time drinking coffee and eating the Christmas sweets provided daily by parishioners and not enough time

practicing to satisfy Father John. If Father John could get them to run through the lines even once during a rehearsal, he considered the evening a success.

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... During rehearsals the shepherd boys acted like wild colts and were extremely self conscious in their froo-froo costumes. My three kings spent every possible moment outside the church talking shop, discussing quarterhorses, smoking cigars and passing around the ubiquitous jug that mysteriously appeared out of nowhere. M. Bertrand came straight from the fields daily with muddy boots and the smells of the farm animals came with him as well.

Poor Ovid and Aspasie Hebert spent every free moment in the rear of the church silently praying. If piety made one fertile, they would have had enough children to fill the cathedral. Alas, they have none. We did not have a chance to practice with our Baby Paul because he had colic. Little did I know how serious was his illness ...

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Finally the day of the dress rehearsal arrived. Bea brought the last of the tailored costumes to the church in the Model-T Sam had brought to their marriage. She entered the cathedral with Bob in her arms and Lois in tow, struggling under the weight of all the costumes.

The cathedral had been transformed into ancient Bethlehem, as much as a Romanesque church would allow. The crib was constructed solidly of cypress with all the rustic qualities of New Testament times. There was even a facsimile of a bright shiny star on the eastern side of the church. Bea congratulated Father John on his work and left the church as soon as possible. She was in a hurry because she wanted to bring Sam his dinner in Broussard where he was manager of the cottonseed oil mill and return home before it got too dark.

The organist and choir arrived and began singing carols as the players filed in and donned their costumes. Monsignor Hebert, the various pastors, priests and the nuns of Mount Carmel sat in the audience. Everyone who was supposed to be there was present except for Baby Paul Mouton and his parents.

It had begun to rain one of those nagging winter drizzles when the Mouton family arrived. Madame Ophelia Mouton wore a worried look on her face and her husband Alcide Mouton, was approaching something near to inebriation. Baby Paul had been suffering with colic considerably more that day than usual, fraying Ophelia's nerves to the breaking point. Alcide simply got drunk when his wife was like this.

Father John was shocked by Paul's appearance when he handed **See Christmas short story, page 12**

## CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

**REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.**

**Brangus bulls**, 18 mos.-2 ½ yrs., out of reg. Brahman cattle & reg. Angus bull, \$800-\$1000/1. Sam Zaubrecher, Eunice; (337) 550-0190.

**Reg. Brahman** bull, 8 yrs., very gentle, was 4-H bull, calves to show, \$1500. Kevin LeBlanc, Abbeville; (337) 898-1385.

**(150) Brangus** heifers, guaranteed bred to LBW Angus bulls, gentle, \$850/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**Pb blk. Simm.** bull calves, 9-11 mos., \$750-\$900/1; heifer calves, 7-12 mos., \$600-\$750/1, papers avail., good bloodlines. Mancel Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-9922.

**Reg. blk.** Angus bull, 8 mos., \$550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

**Reg. horned** Hereford bulls, calves to 2 yrs., big type Herefords, call before 7 a.m. & after 6 p.m., \$700/1-up. Ray Taylor, Morrow; (318) 346-7531.

**BBU reg.** Beefmaster bulls, (1) light red, (1) dark red, grandsons of Havana, hands on gentle, \$800/1-up. Dewey O'Neal, Baker; (225) 261-3260.

**Reg. Brangus** bulls, breeding age, \$975/1-up, Brangus cows & heifers. Chip Durand, St. Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

**(4) Polled Char.** bulls, (1) 2 yr., (3) 1 ½ yrs., \$1000-\$1400. George Guillory, Crowley; (337) 783-1467 or (337) 581-5123.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bull, 18 mos., shown at the 2003 LSU livestock show, bloodlines are 9440 Scotchcap & Pine Drive, \$2000. Bobby Greenwood, Lafayette; (337) 984-7950.

**Longhorn roping** cattle, steers & heifers, fresh, \$300/1. Reese Marceaux, Lake Charles; (337) 436-5598.

**Reg. 5/8, 3/8** Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$700/1-up; bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

**(3) Reg. blk.** Angus bulls, 9 mos., 40 days conditioning, vacc. & wormed, \$550/1-up. Patrick Fusilier, Eunice; after 6 p.m. (337) 457-9058.

**Reg. Char.** bull, 3 yrs., Wymg. Wind/Miss Joan breeding cert., sale topper at Colomb bull sale,

excel. calves, pd., \$3600, asking \$2750 obo. Robert Guidry, Covington; (504) 666-6432.

**(2) Simm. bulls**, polled, pb, blk., wh.-faced, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. brucellosis free herd, 27 mos., \$1500; 19 mos., \$1200. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

**Simm. & Simbrah** bulls, polled, solid colors, all shots & wormed, very gentle, cert. herd, 8 mos.-2 yrs., \$550-\$1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

**Reg. Texas** Longhorns, modern deep bodied cattle, w/lots of color, bloodlines & horn, (3) good yrlgs., (2) heifers, (1) bull, \$400-\$800/1 or \$1800/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**Reg. horned & polled** Hereford bulls, 2 yrs., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

**(5) Pb Brahman** bull calves, 15-18 mos., calves come from top bloodline, not reg. but can be reg., \$700/1. William Cheek, Kaplan; (337) 643-7146.

**(14) Reg. gray** Brahman cows, bred to reg. Granite Hills Hereford bull, last trimester, feed bucket gentle, \$1500-1900; reg. Granite Hills horned Hereford bull, born 11/27/98, feed bucket gentle, \$2750. Paul Miller, Lacassine; (337) 588-4362.

**Reg. red & blk.** Limousin bulls, A.I. ed trait leading sires, heavy muscled, \$1200/1-up. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmayad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmayad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

**Reg. blk. Angus**, (19) cows, bred back, \$1200/1; (9) bred heifers, \$1100/1; (9) open heifers, \$1000/1. G. Maurin, Hammond; (985) 345-3726.

**(10) Reg. Brangus** bulls, 2 yrs., fertility tested, big & stout, \$2000/1; (15) reg. Brangus yrlg. heifers, \$900/1; (35) fancy blk., blk. baldy & red baldy yrlg. heifers, delivery included, \$725/1. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

**(65) Reg. & comm.** Brangus females, 3 yrs. & older, open, ready for the bull, \$750/1. R. Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

**Char./Angus** bull, 6 yrs., 50/50, good breeder, approx. 1800 lbs., \$700. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 945-6015.

**Red Angus bulls**, 2 ½ yrs., Leachman Dundee sire, top bloodlines, halter broke, \$2000; 1 yr., \$1000, all from AI top bloodline. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 234-6313 or (337) 896-7551.

**(4) Polled Char.** heifers, all from reg. stock, 6 mos., very gentle, \$500/1. Ronnie Montgomery,

Kaplan; (337) 643-8362.

**(2) Pb Beefmaster** bulls, 7 mos., on feed, dam is approx. 2200 lbs., \$550/1. Stanford Domingue, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

**Reg. red** Angus bulls, Heaven Sake bloodline, 1 yr., \$1000. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 235-7932 or (337) 654-4498.

**(14) Brangus** heifers, bred to calf. in Jan., \$800/1. John Briscoe, Elton; (337) 584-2751.

**(1) Reg. polled** Char. bull, top herd sire, very gentle, 2 yrs., \$1400. Milo & Mary Beth Jimenez, Port Barre; (337) 948-9496 or (337) 255-1869.

**Reg. Angus** cows, 4-8 yrs., cycling, ready to be bred for fall calves, \$750/1-up. L. D. Lacour, Jr., Robert; (985) 345-0441.

**Reg. 8 yr. blk.** Angus bull, Bayou Sundance, proven performance, \$850; 5 yr. bull, \$1200. Austin Hebert, Lafayette; (337) 896-8177.

**(2) Reg. blk.** Angus heifers, 13 mos., \$650/1. Daman Albarado, Duson; (337) 406-8439.

**Reg. Limousin** bulls, blk., polled, docile, ready for spring breeding, great EPD's, \$1250/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

**Reg. polled & horned** Hereford bulls & heifers, open & bred, 8 mos. & up, \$800/1-up. Chris Lewis, Angie; (985) 986-1000 or (985) 732-7004.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 537-7279.

**Reg. Char.** polled bull, Duke bloodline, 1/21/01, 1.5 BW, 18.8 milk, \$1200. Paul Willhite, Downsview; (318) 982-5216.

## HORSES, MULES & JACKS

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission basis.

Every time you submit an advertisement one of the following must be provided. 1. All listings of horses, mules or jacks must be accompanied by a COPY of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale on all horses, mules, and jacks, except nursing foals. (OR) 2. A signed statement from the seller stating that he will furnish the buyer with a negative Coggins at the time of sale.

**AQHA foundation** bred mares, 1, 2 & 15 yrs., buckskin sorrel dun, King, Leo, Dry Doc, Pudden Head, Sugar Bars, \$800/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

**2002 Thoroughbred** stud colt, ready to be broke, \$450; '99 Thoroughbred/QH geld., broke & ready to be trained for anything, \$1000. Pat Laborde, Marksville; (318) 253-6869.

**Tobiano/overo**, wh./bay paint filly, foaled, 1/29/01, reg. # 679,200, Sweet Lady Rocket, W. Nile & WEE vacc., \$1500. C.M. Duplechan, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

**(2) Blk. mules**, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week-long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**(2) AQHA reg.** fillies, (1) yrlg., (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San,

Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Reg. App. geld.** Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, also mare mule, 14.2 hands, \$1000/1 nego. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Weans. & Yrlgs.**, Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500/1-up. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

**1994 APHA** tobiano stallion, good disp., easy going, all shots, 14.5 hands, sorrel & white, (1) blue eye, \$2000. Oneil Leblanc, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5989.

**Reg. TWHBEA**, 18 mos., stud colt, blk., w/4-wh. stockings, \$1200; reg. TWHBEA, 6 mo. filly, blk., \$1200. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net, (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

**1997 AQHA** mare, 86 S. I., 4th in Mardi Gras Futurity, DNA typed, finished rope horse, anyone can ride, well started on barrels, poles & goat tying, \$7500. Dale Meche, Rayne; (337) 334-4471.

**Female donkey**, 7 yrs., bred to spotted Jack on 7/11/03, very gentle, \$250; male donkey, 5 mos., very gentle, \$175; female spotted donkey, 5 mos., gentle, \$200; female spotted donkey, 4 mos., gentle, \$200. Mitchel Daire, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7108.

**AQHA/PHBA** 5 yr. geld., AQHA/PHBA 3 yr. mare, \$2500/1. Dale Purvis, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8779.

**Reg. TW**, (25) weans., yrlgs., gelds., & mares, buckskin, pal., blue roan, spotted, blk., bay & sorrel, \$1000/1-up; reg. TW, 2 ½ yr. big blk. mare, extremely gentle, smooth, fast gait, \$2000, others avail. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

**Reg. pb Arabian** stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 introductory fee. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

**Ima Show Chief**, '87 APHA geld., youth world, world placings, ROMS, 4-H state winnings, regional top ten, \$10,000 neg. Melissa Minvielle, Morgan City; minvielle@atvci.net or (985) 384-3290.

**Dun In By Example**, '01 APHA linebred dun geld., 2 yr. Snafflebit futurity geld., showmanship, trail started, loads, clips, easygoing, \$6500. M. Minvielle, Morgan City; minvielle@atvci.net or (985) 384-3290.

**2001 APHA** bay filly, excel. cow horse, breeding, broke to ride, \$1200. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**American Ranch** horse reg., '01 blue roan filly, broke to ride, \$800. Michelle Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**7 Yr. red/white** paint Welsh pony geld., 14 hands, rides dbl., good for trail rides, \$600 obo. Aimee Naquin, Thibodaux; (985) 633-5643.

**2003 APHA** stud colt, dark

brown/blk. & white, beautifully marked, nice conform., gentle as a lamb, \$1000. J. White, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**AQHA stallion** 9 yrs., sorrel, gentle, easy to handle, rides, also is eligible as APHA stud, Three Bars, Joe Reed II bloodlines, \$1200. R. Carpenter, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**Reg. AQHA** red roan mare, 4 yrs., very gentle, great for trail riding, Leo & King bred, \$2000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

**1 Yr. Jenny**, \$300. Murdock Brumfield, Franklinton; (985) 839-9495.

**Reg. QH filly**, 1 yr., Doc's Solano & Doc Freckle bred, very correct & good looking, \$1200; broke geld., 3 yrs., Gay Bar King & Poco Bueno bred, very gentle, \$1600. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**Reg. Thoroughbred** mare, 5 yrs., sired by Lot O' Gold, out of a Chief of Dixieland mare, 16 ½ hands, broke, sound, beautiful, excel. for English or Western riding, super gentle, \$2000. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**3 Yr. QH geld.**, sorrel, flashy, started right, trotting pattern, Dash for Cash, Streakin la Jolla or send to track, \$3300 obo. Lisa Melancon, Bush; (985) 898-5300 ext. 111 or (985) 893-0573.

**Reg. TW horses**, all ages, \$750/1-up. Ervin LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5805.

**Reg. miniature** stallion, line-back dun, \$500. Robert Kasperski, Erath; (337) 937-8233.

**2000 Green** broke linebred dun geld., w/tiger stripes & 2 rear white socks, very flashy, approx. 15 hands, train to your liking, \$1200. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville; (225) 673-4382.

**16 Yr. Pal.** geld., used for youth drills & trails, current shots, \$1500. Donnie Brister, Denham Springs; (225) 667-2698.

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**2002 AQHA** bay filly, High Brow Hickory, Doc's Hickory breeding, gentle, halter broke, \$2000. Kathy Carroll, Fisher; (318) 256-0049.

**Reg. TW mare**, 14.3-15 hands, blk. w/(1) white sock, 3 ½ yrs., very well gaited, open for breeding, \$1200, others avail. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

**1995 APHA** tobiano geld., sound, very nice looking, calm, English or Western, placed & won in W. Pleasure, will track calves, \$3500. S. Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

**2002 AQHA** dark pal. geld., Peppy San Badger, Solitorio, JB Cody bloodline, started riding slowly, very docile, \$2000. R. Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

**6 Yr. TW geld.**, sorrel, wh. & blk., beautiful, all shots, \$850. Fran Lambert, Hessmer; (318) 563-9076.

**Reg. Peruvian** Paso stallion, '91 true blk., very long mane & tail, \$2400; reg. Peruvian geld., '98, blk., well gaited but untrained, flashy, (2) rear socks, \$1750. Carol Thoerig, Covington; (985) 502-8163 or (985) 893-8161.

**Arabian reg.** bay geld., 5 yrs., 14.3 hands, W. Pleasure or endurance, 10 wks. of pro training, good disp., \$800. K. Bridges, Breaux Bridge; <http://home.att.net/~kbrid/> or (337) 896-3608.

**3 Yr. QH geld.**, 14.5 hands, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$600. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**5 Yr. reg.** Paint mare, blk. & wh. tobiano, 15 hands, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$1200 obo. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**Clydesdale mare**, 15 yrs., (1) eye, \$375; miniature mare sale, (10) class A, most below 30", \$575-\$950/1. A. B. Morris, Kentwood; (985) 229-6655.

**Reg. TW geld.**, 6 yrs., very gentle to ride, \$800. June Thomas, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5960.

**2003 AQHA** pal. colt, excel. conform., sire foundation bred Blondy's Dude/Puddenhead, dam is WP futurity winner, AQHA pts., C.E. Image/Two Eyed Jack, \$1500. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

**1994 AQHA** chestnut mare, King Fritz/Three Chicks, in foal to CLS Rock Steady, \$3400. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

**AQHA '02** Snorty Lena filly, \$2250; '02 Snorty Lena colt, \$1500; '01 Dulces Peppy filly, \$1750; Sonita's Last & Tenino San granddaughter, \$2750. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

**APHA homozygous** mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1499/1-up. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**2001 & 2002 AQHA** sorrel fillies, good cutting horse prospect, 2001, \$1750; 2002, \$1500. Jean Causey, Prairieville; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**APHA '03 blk./wh.** colt, APHA 3 ½ yr. stallion, ready for breeding services, APHA 1 ½ yr. stallion, all homozygous, \$2500/1-up. Mitzi Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**AQHA liver** chestnut 8 yr.

broodmare, granddaughter of sires Quincy Dan & Tinker Steel, AQHA champ. & superior halter, \$2200. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**AQHA, PHBA** 18 mo. pal. colt, 3-wh. stockings, w/blaze, snow-white mane & tail, \$2000. Wanda Grass, Folsom; (985) 373-2805.

**AQHA started** heel horse, '00 bay geld., 15.3 hands, big working horse, currently being trained, \$3500. Marty Brouillette, Kentwood; (225) 222-4745

**Welch pony**, 5 mos., \$400. Anthony LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4937.

**Welch pony**, finished barrel, pole & flag horse, as child safe as can be, easy loader & clipper, \$1500. Leigh or Jack Hughes, St. Francisville; (225) 634-5091.

**Reg. QH stallions**, King P-234, King Ranch & Doc Bar breeding, yrlds., 2 & 3 yrs., \$1200/1-up. P. J. Spears, Jr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5398.

**2001 Grullo** geld., Skippa Star, Ty Co Rojo, Uno Twist, Bogie Black, Trena Pat, very gentle, easy loader, great disp., \$650. Shane Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**1985 Gray** mare, daughter of Handle Bar Doc, Dee Gee's King, out of King & Dodger Crocker, out of Eddie on papers, NCHA producer, excel. broodmare, \$3000. Casey Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**2003 AQHA** gray colt, Smart Little Lena, Doc O'Lena, Precious Playboy, Freckles Playboy, Lara Lena, Dee Gee's King, out of King, all on papers, very nice stud prospect, \$3000. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**9 Yr. Pal.** geld., 14.3 hands, 1200 lbs., started on calf roping, super handle and stop, \$2500. Joshua Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**1985 Pal. mare**, daughter of Especial, own son of Doc Bar, War Leo, Freckles Playboy, Docs Jack Frost, Jewels Leo Bar on papers, \$2500. Heather Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**AQHA pal. mare**, bred, \$1500; pal. paint mare, bred, \$975; pal. stud colt, \$1000; blk./wh. stud & mare, red/wh. stud colt, blue eyes, \$850; sorrel mare, buckskin mare, (16) total mini horses, bred, \$1200; donkeys, \$250-\$350. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

**(15) Reg. AQHA** weans., sire Zippidoodah by Zippo Pine Bar, \$1500/1-up; (2) reg. paints by Totally Awesome, \$1000/1 or \$1500/both; (10) reg. AQHA yrlds. by Zippidoodah, \$1750/1-up. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

**AQHA bay** mare, in foal to muscular reg. red roan App. stallion, mare is dbl. bred King bloodline & very gentle, mare & foal, \$1250. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

**Reg. TW geld.**, H. honey sorrel, 4 ½ yrs., 15 hands, own son of JFK, spirited but mannered, exp. rider, \$2500; reg. blue papered MFT mare, 12 yrs., 15 hands, \$1100 or trade. Ron Matlock, Plain Dealing; (318) 326-4049.

**APHA stallion**, 12 yrs., throws 75% paint on solid colored mares, by Cherokee Treasure & Goldie

Leo Annver, \$2500. Loretta Williams, Creston; (318) 875-4210.

**AQHA reg.** ch. sorrel mare, Miss Lobo Solitario #2,852257, sire Little Solitario x Peppy San Badger, dam is Doc's Lucky Lobo x Pudden Head Doc, \$3500. G.W. Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

**1995 APHA** homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, \$5000. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**2002 AQHA** sorrel geld., ready to break, \$1750; '89 AQHA pal. mare, Investor, '89 AQHA mare, Skipa Star, both ride, open to breed, \$1250/1. Dr. R. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

**2002 AQHA** cremello stallion, Doc Bar, Sport Model & Blondy's Dude bred, dbl. dilute gene, breed your sorrel mare & get a pal. guaranteed, \$2500. Jane West, Loranger, bestofthewest@aol.com or (985) 878-4151.

**2002-2003 AQHA** gorgeous foundation weans. & yrlds., many to choose from, cremello, blk., pal. & buckskin, Doc Bar, Sport Model & Handcock bred, \$500/1-up. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

**2002 AQHA** buckskin stallion, Doc Bar, Blondy's Dude & King bred, also 4th generation dilute gene, dam is own daughter of Page Steel, super disp. & conform., \$2500. Jane Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

## STALLION SERVICE

**Reg. pb Arabians** at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blks., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donovan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

**Homozygous APHA** blk./wh. Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mare, \$350; grade mare, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

**Reg. TWHBEA**, blk./wh., grandson to Legendary Marshall Dillion, great great Grandson to WGC Delight of Pride, \$300/\$5 mare care. Jimmie Guidry, Scott; (337) 334-3500 or (337) 232-0661.

**Lineback red** dun, own son of Tanquary Gin, cutting & cow sense, Poco Bueno, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Doc O'Lena, Gin Echols bloodlines, \$600. Warren Iguess, Welsh; (337) 734-3672.

**Shining Sneakers** x Shining Spark, AQHA performance ROM, AQHA Circuit champ., MQHA high-point reiner, MQHA money earner, \$1000. Cheryl Borer, Walker; [www.borerquarterhorses.com](http://www.borerquarterhorses.com) or (225) 667-7415.

**Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA**, 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; [horsinaround@eatel.net](mailto:horsinaround@eatel.net) or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

**APHA homozygous** blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**AQHA pal.**, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Blk./wh. App.**, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Percheron stallion** for stud, 16.3 hands, add some size to your breeding program, \$300 live cover, no mare care, \$475 shipped semen. Renee Newman, Baton Rouge; (225) 383-7252.

## SHEEP & GOATS

**Fb Nubian** buck, 1 ½ yrs., no papers, \$100. David Winchester, Logansport; (318) 697-5333.

**Pb Katahdin** male & females, 10 mos., \$100-\$125/1. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

**Crossbred does** from well-kept herd, all heavy bred shots & wormed, \$75/1. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3832 or (225) 261-6097.

**Boer meat** goats, \$1/lb. D.G. Ambrose, Minden; (318) 382-9146.

**(1) Billy**, born 6-25-03, correct color, \$150. Wilbert Vidrine, Elton; (337) 584-2809.

½ **Fainting**, ½ Pygmy female, bred, \$100. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

**Fb IBGA** reg. Boer does, bred to full SA bucks, \$200/up. Bennie W. Byargeon, Vidalia; (318) 336-5735.

**Nigerian dwarf/African** pygmy goat cross doe kid, buckskin, born 10/16/03, sire is NDGA reg., dam is pb pygmy, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

## LIVESTOCK DOGS

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**Reg. Australian Shepherd** pups merles & solids, parents on site, \$150. Perry Threeton, Springfield; (225) 695-6238.

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**CKC Great Pyrenees** pups, born 10-08-03, great livestock dogs & pets, \$250. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

**Reg. Border Collie** pups, out of world champ. bloodline, '98 GCSA open dog of year, '00 world champ. cattle dog, great intelligent companions, \$300/1. Adam Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-9517.

**ABCA Reg.** border collies, blk. & wh., shots & wormed, working parents on site, \$200. Bob Holloway, Eros; (318) 249-4377.

**Rough coat**, Jack Russell pr., \$300 or \$200/1; CKC reg. pups, \$250/1. Filton Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-6612.

**Reg. Border Collie**, 3 yrs. old, will work cow, sheep, & goats, has place in cowdog trials, \$1000. Lucien Cooper, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7751.

**Reg. Golden Retriever** pups, \$300/1. Toby Guillory, Rosedale; [www.TJSFarms.com](http://www.TJSFarms.com) or (225) 939-3071.

**Wanted:** squirrel dog, reasonably priced. Columbus Blount, Holden; (225) 686-2118.

## SWINE

**(3) Potbelly** pigs, \$15/1. Murdock Brumfield, Franklinton; (985) 839-9495.

**#1 Hogs**, 180-260 lbs., \$99/1-up; feeder pigs, \$35/1-up; hogs, 90-150 lbs., \$67.50/1-up, all grain fed. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

½ **Razorback** pigs, \$35-\$50. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

## DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

**Hand-fed & parent-fed** young & breeding age cockatiels, albinos, grays, lutinos, cinn., pieds, pearls & most combos., \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

**Canaries** for sale, \$60/1. Juan Castro, Destrehan; (985) 725-0283.

**Mated pr.** cockatiels, male pied & female pearl, w/heavy-duty cage & nesting box, \$100; (3) rolls, 6'x100', new heavy-duty, top quality, bird netting, \$75/1; cages, feeders, waterers also avail. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

**Breeder prs.**, dbl. yellow-head parrots, \$1300; scarlet-chested parakeets, w/cage, \$250; Indian ring-necks, \$175; spice, society & zebra finches, \$5/1. Wade Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

**Ringneck doves**, normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

**Canaries**, from award-winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

**Green cheek** spilt fallow, \$70/1; Alexandria breeder female, \$250/1; green cheeks, \$75/1. Joseph Boone, Eunice; (337) 457-2898.

**Parrots, breeder prs.**, Mexican redheads, \$600; orange wings, \$350. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

**Orange-faced** lovebirds, lutinos, normals/lutinos, normals, olives, cinn., \$25-\$60/1 or trade for nice lovebirds. Dale Landry, Painscourtville; (985) 369-6952.

**Parakeets, 6 & 8** wks. old, fancy colors, some tri-color, \$5/1 for 12 or more; less than 12, \$7/1, no checks, yard sale only. Joseph Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.



**Ringneck doves**, normals & spotted, \$20/pr.; helmet pigeons, \$30/pr.; peacocks, 2 yrs., \$300/pr. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

**Baby dbl.** yellow-head Amazon, \$700/1; baby lilac-crown Amazon, \$500/1; tame male eclectus, \$500; cockatiels, \$30/1; lovebirds, \$30/1; parakeets, \$10/1; finches, \$8/1. Clara Broussard, Abbeville; (337) 893-6745.

**Indian ringnecks**, yellow male w/green hen, blue female w/green male, blue male w/blue hen, gray/green male w/green hen, blue female & male goffin, all are 3 yrs. or less, except gray/green female, \$2000/all. J. Guidry, Scott; jimmytsgt@aol.com or (337) 334-3500.

**African gray**, 8 mos., beginning to talk, new large cage, \$600/both. Betty Gay, Coushatta; (318) 932-4729.

**Indian ringneck** parakeets, '03 blue white-head lacewing, \$300/1; '03 & '02 violets, \$1800/1; breeder male Hyacinth macaw, \$6000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

**Breeder prs.**, B & G macaws, blue-crown conures, sun conures, quakers, cockatiels, \$50/1-up; African gray, 5 mos., talking, \$800/1; hf baby cockatiels, \$35/1-up. Mary Vidrine, Eunice; (337) 457-1163.

## POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

**Quails, wh.**, golden, Manchurian & Pharaoh, live, 35¢-\$1.5/1; dressed, \$24/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

**India blue** peafowl pr., 9 mos., tame, \$100. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

**Jumbo Pharaoh** quails, pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; dressed quails, \$25/doz.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

**Ringneck pheasants**, flight cond., \$8-10/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

**Free, buff** geese pr., to good home, in great health, don't want them crossing w/Sebastapol geese. Jeff Kuehny, Clinton; (225) 683-8585.

**Bobwhite quail**, \$3/1 or \$2.5 for 100 or more. James Madere, Hahnville; (985) 783-6367.

**3-4 yr. large** breed hens, \$5/1; variety of young bantams, roosters, \$7/1; hens, \$6/1; trio, \$15. Horace Leger, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3659.

**Mixed breed** & crossbred chickens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

**Mixed breed** bantams, BBR & silver sebright & (4) other breeds, a lot of colors to pick from, \$3/1-up; wh. guinea babies, \$3/1-up; males & females, \$10/1. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Beautiful ribbon**-winning, fb crested chickens, prs., \$30; wh. silkie prs., \$15, other assorted fb crested hens. Troy Brouillette, Slidell; (985) 649-4955.

**Blk. swans**, (2) females, 2 yrs., \$250/1. W. D. Brown, Ragley; (337) 725-6365.

**Red jungle-fowl** roosters, pb, \$10/1; silkie x JF roosters, \$6/1; flying mallard drakes, \$5-\$10/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

**Blue orpington** bantams, (5) pullets, (2) males, \$50/all. Roger Sadden, Jr., Plaquemine; (225) 659-0103.

**XL quail**, chicks, 25¢/1; adults, \$1.5-\$2/1; Texas A&M wh., 25¢/1; fertile eggs, 10¢/1; non-fertile eggs, 6¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

**Super large** quail hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; \$24/doz. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

**Barred Rock** range chickens, chicks & fertile eggs, chicks 1-10 wks., \$1/1, plus 25¢ for each additional week; fertile eggs, \$2/doz. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

**Peafowl**, all ages, \$25-\$100/1, will trade for healthy brush goats; mature gold pheasants, prs. only, \$40/pr.; doves, \$8/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

**Bantams, Japanese**, B.T. buff, B.T. wh., blue T. wh., blue splash T. wh., golden & silver sebright, wh. cornish, Rhode Island red, Old English, blue & spangles, \$10-\$25/1. Tommy James, Anacoco; (337) 238-3113.

**Muscovy & mixed** breed ducks, \$5/1. Morgan James, Anacoco; (337) 238-3113.

**Bobwhite quail**, \$3/1; Tennessee red quail, \$3/1; chukars, \$6/1. Joy Chaney, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3530.

**Sex link** pullets, almost ready to lay, \$7/1; grown hens, \$5.5/1. Floyd Cook, St. Amant; (225) 675-2674.

**GQF incubator**, model 802, 192 chicken eggs, (2) trays, (1) hatching tray, completely auto, \$200; (1) brooder, \$50. Wayne Landry, Abbeville; (337) 643-1756.

**Wanted:** cabinet incubator, must be in excel. cond. & reasonably priced, close to Alexandria. Kenneth Binns, Ball; (318) 442-0001 or (318) 765-9237.

**Wanted:** chickens, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese, guinea, turkeys, bantams, etc. Wilber Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

## DEER & EXOTICS

**White-tail deer**, 4 yrs., 8 pt. buck, \$2000; 1 yr. 8 pt. buck, \$1000; 3 yr. doe, w/(2) fawns, \$1500. J. W. Ryder; (318) 466-3559.

**Pr. Reeves** Muntjac deer, \$1000/pr. Sam Moran, Ethel; (225) 658-4914.

**(5) Fawn does**, \$200/1; bucks, \$300/1. Lee Cook, Amite; (985) 748-5997.

**Water buffalo** bull, 2 yrs., \$600; trophy white-tail buck, \$1000/1-up; trophy fallow buck, \$500; trophy silk buck, \$1000. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

## RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

**Selling out**, NZW & Flemish mixed for breeding or eating, no checks, \$7/up. Bruce Batiste, Sr., Slidell; (985) 639-9770.

**Mixed rabbit**, lots of colors to pick from, \$5/1-up. J.L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Large breed** rabbits, all sizes & colors, \$5/up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

**Lop breeder**, bucks & does, blk., wh. w/ brown, brown, 3-4 lbs., \$10/1. Raymond Myers II, Franklinton; (985) 839-5123.

**Mini-rex**, Dutch, Holland lop, mini lop does & bucks, all show quality, \$15/1; cages 10-hole, w/feeder & water. Matt Bordelon, Bunkie; (318) 346-4003.

**(3) Calif.** (1) male, (2) females, (6) NZW (1) male, (5) females, breeders, \$10/1; cages, 10 each hole. Tracey H. Freeman, Bogalusa; (985) 732-5060.

**NZW rabbits**, (11) 3 yr. does, (3) 2 yr. bucks, (6) 4-compartment cages, waters, feeders, \$300/all or obo. Rickey J. Brouillette, Alexandria; (318) 767-0848.

**Wanted:** male Flemish for breeding, 1 yr. old, no pedigree. Bruce Batiste, Sr., Slidell; (985) 639-9770.

## AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

**Blue Catfish**, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; sac-au-lait, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

**Bass**, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

## BEES/HONEY

**(100) Glass** sue bee honey jars, 24 oz., 20¢/1; (75) plastic jars, 48 oz. & 24 oz., 20¢/1. Benny Webb, Denham Springs; (225) 664-9561.

**Complete beekeeping** operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

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**Seven Star** stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility,

located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

**We crack pecans**, fast friendly service, 30¢/lb. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-654-3264 or 225-445-5012.

**Bar J Horseshoeing**, specializing in corrective shoeing, as well as hot & cold work, flat shoeing, \$40; trim, \$20, OSHS cert. farrier. Josh Axsom, Natchitoches; (318) 652-0046 or (318) 379-0437.

## RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

**Sabine Parish**, 47 Acres, timberland, road access, \$2000/acre; 35 acres cutover, \$700/acre. Mike Goings, Robeline; (318) 256-9334.

**10 Acres**, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5000/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; gwyn@beatle-mail.com or (225) 665-4413.

**Acadia Parish**, 28.63 acres, Northwest of Branch, \$5500/acre. Wallace Fontenot, Rayne; (337) 334-4343.

## SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

**Birdhouse & dipper** gourds, cushaw green stripe, reg. green & long green eggplant, 8" long, cayenne pepper, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Sweet aconagua**, birdseye & Peter peppers, true large bush red cherry, long handle, birdhouse & cucuzza gourds, rose of Montana, yellow & purple bush datura, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Cast iron** plants, \$4/1-gal. Dan Montz, Thibodaux; (985) 446-1805.

**2003 Hot Peter** pepper seeds, \$1/50-seed pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash Street, Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

## TREES & FRUITING VINES

**Pecan trees**, Sumner, 3 yrs., 10-gal., \$35/1, 9 only; river birch, cypress & Southern magnolia, 3-gal., \$8/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**Fig trees**, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list, will ship dormant, \$12 S&H included. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Mamou bush**, \$10/1; Celeste, honey dew & green ishia figs, \$6/1; vitex purple fl. bush, \$10/1; native persimmon, \$8/1; loquat, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**3-Gal. river birch** trees, single, \$3.25/1; dbl., \$3.5/1; triple trunk, \$3.75/1; 3-gal. live oak, \$4/1; 3-gal. plum loropetalum, \$3.75/1. Cheryl Monk, Oakdale; (318) 335-9364.

**Mayhaw trees**, large fruited varieties, also red mulberry, crabapple, Chickasaw plum, Catalpa, native magnolia, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

## FRUITS & VEGETABLES

**New-crop** pecans, large halves, \$5.5/lb.; pieces, \$4.5/lb. at place, will mail both, vacuum packed, \$12/lb. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

## HAY & GRAIN

**Fert. Bahia**, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & cured, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechin, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

**5x6 Rolls** of rye & clover, \$25/1; Bermuda grass, \$30; heavy rolls, some in barn, del. avail. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**4x5 rd. bales**, 1200 lbs., \$15/1. Elgin Rogers, Houma; (985) 851-7692.

**2003 Quality** Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

**2003 Bahia & Jiggs** Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

**2003 Irrigated** sweet sunny Sue hay grazer, 4x5 rolls, fert., high protein & sugar content hay, \$20/1; Russell Bermuda grass hay, 4x5 rolls, fert., \$25/1, del. avail. Preston Hutson, Bossier City; (318) 347-2008.

**Coastal w/sprinkling** of Bahia, fert., no rain, in barn, sq. bales, \$2.5/1. Ed Poston, Pineville; (318) 640-4019.

**Wheat straw**, \$2.5/1; Alicia Bermuda, \$3.25/1; Bahia, \$2.75-\$3/1; 5x5 rd. bales, Bahia, crab grass, Alicia, \$18-\$30, loaded, sq. bales you load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-1983.

**Alicia sq. bales**, fert., clean, in barn, will help load, del. avail., \$3/1. Chad White, Melville; (337) 623-3754.

**2003 Jiggs** hay, well fert. & cured, \$20/1 or \$50/3. Jerry Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 945-1435.

**2003 Shelled** corn, \$7/100 lbs. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

**2003 Alicia** Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$35/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

**(10) Rd. bales** of hay, just baled, 4x5 bales, \$130/all; last year's hay, \$15/1, will load if all taken. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

**4x5 bales**, Argentine or Pensacola Bahia, Alicia, common Bermuda, crabgrass & mixed grass, \$18-\$25/1, we load. Bryan Alleman, Rayne; (337) 334-9322 or (337) 278-2586.

**Heavy 60-70 lb.** sq. bales, mixed grass, stored in barn, excel. for construction sites and/or composting, could be used as mulch, 400+ bales, \$1.5/1. Scott Dowling, Simsboro; (318) 237-1530.

**Argentina Bahia** sq. hay, no weeds, \$2.75/1. Willie Lewis, Montpelier; (225) 777-4880.

**Alicia/Bahia/Tifton** 44, 4x5 rd. bales, \$18/1, in field; \$28/1, delivery, \$3.75/mls., hauling to location of farm. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net, (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273.

**Alicia Bermuda** hay, \$2-\$3.5/1, depending on quality, (25) bale minimum. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

**2003 Bahia** hay, in barn only, will help load, cash only, \$2.25/1. R. Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

**2003 November** hay, rd. bales, Alicia, \$15/1. Doug Landry, Jennings; (337) 824-9545 or (337) 842-8842.

**Jiggs & Bahia**, 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, fert., hard bales, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

**2003 Mixed** grass hay, fert. 4x5 bales, baled July & Sept., w/o rain, \$15/1 or \$16.5/1 if 100 taken. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 831-3746 or (337) 461-2499.

**2003 Fall** season Bahia hay, excel quality, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (1000) sq. bales, \$2.5/1; (400) 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1 in barn. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

**4x5 Claas** rice straw bales, \$10/1, will haul for additional charge. Chad Schexnaider, Kaplan; (337) 643-7781.

**Rd. bales Bahia** hay, fert., under barn, excel. quality, no weeds, del. avail., \$35/1, quantity discounts avail. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

**Quality Alicia** Bermuda sq. bales, highly fert., weed free, \$3.6/1, in barn. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (504) 446-0234 or (504) 447-6100.

**Small rd. bales** Bahia, in barn, \$15/1; Alicia small rd. bales, in barn, \$17/1. Curby Richard, Evangeline; (337) 824-1424.

**Alicia rd.** bales, 4x5 net wrapped, heavy fert., cured, no rain, \$22/1; rye grass hay, \$12/1. Chris Krielow, Roanoke; (337) 794-2790.

**4x6 Bahia bales**, \$20/1; \$18 if 20 or more are taken. Q. Stears, Washington; (337) 826-3807.

**(150) rd. bales** of Bahia hay, fert., last yrs., \$10 & \$12; 2003, \$16/1, we load. Ina Laprarie, Deville; (318) 466-5529.

**Bahia mixed** grass hay, 5x5 bales, cured w/o rain, (350) bales,

\$20/1, will load. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740.

**2003 Pure** Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, \$25/1; big heavy sq. bales, \$3/1, in barn. Kevin Stilley, Loranger; (985) 878-6246 or (985) 878-4151.

**Jiggs, sq. bales**, 11.23% protein, LSU AgCenter, in barn, \$3.75/1. Lynn Myers, Jennings; (337) 824-2967.

**2003 Alicia** 4x5 rd. bales, weed free, \$15/1. Michael Dupre, Washington; (337) 826-5941.

**Hay, \$1.5/1.** John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.



**Used Int.** 5' drag-type tandem disc working cond., \$435. Billy White, Ethel; (225) 634-2393.

**Kuhn hay** cutter, 7' cut, good cond., \$2575. Whitney Champagne, St. Martinville; (337) 845-4125.

**Hay-wrap** machine, rd. bale, silage wrapping machine & trailer, \$2850. Robert Thibodeaux, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-4237.

**Crustbuster grain** drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8", trailer mounted, PTO driven, excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**5' Shredder, needs** top repair, \$100. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

**Hayforks, shop** built, will lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bales, new, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**8630 JD**, 4 wd, 225 hp, fast hitch, PTO, dual rims, \$6500. Howard Desselle, Jr., Marksville; (318) 253-7198.

**Ford 6610** cab trac., 72 PTO hp, p/s, 8 spd., needs a/c compressor, \$8500; Ford 2000 diesel, 31 PTO hp, 8 spd., low hrs., \$4500; JD 2040 diesel, 8 spd., p/s, 41 PTO hp, low hrs., \$6800. E. J. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

**MF 245 trac.**, good cond., \$6000. Larry Arnold, Denham Springs; (225) 665-6063.

**Ford 4000** diesel trac., 52 PTO hp, p/s, 8 spd., \$5400; JD 1020 diesel trac., 40 hp, 8 spd., \$3600. T. J. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

**Rhino turf flex**, 15 1/2' finishing mower, great for orchards or large yards, \$2600 obo; '98 Ransome 728D comm. mower, 6' deck, 24 hp diesel, 1200 hrs., \$3600 obo; Ferris 48" comm. mower, \$1400 obo. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

**Manure spreader**, Mighty Estate 25 bu, assembled but never used, \$875. Carol Thoerig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

**1997 JD 310-D** backhoe, 1800 hrs., excel. cond., \$24,500. Charles Ponthier, Hessmer; (318) 563-8490.

**NH rd. baler**, \$12,500; NH sq. baler, \$10,000; NH hay fluffer, \$4250; NH rake, \$2700; NH hay cutter, \$5000. Amelia Barnett, Covington; (985) 893-2380.

**1480 Int. combine**, w/a/c, 30.5 x 32 tires, 20'-810 header, \$4500; 1460 Int. combine, w/a/c, 30.5 x 32

tires, Mud Hog & 20'-810 header, \$3500, both in shed & field ready. Daniel Hardy, Iowa; (337) 852-3359.

**490 Int. disc**, w/good blades, \$2000; 35' long multi-blade land leveler, \$1000; Rayne Plane rice cart, 70 lb. capacity, \$750. D. Hardy, Iowa; (337) 852-3359.

**1986 Allis Chalmers** 8070 cab/air, 4025 hrs., 90% tires, sprayers & pumps, barn kept, \$14,900. William A. Lucky IV, Bossier City; (318) 286-1020.

**JD popping** 40 tricycle, 12 volt, rebuilt motor, new clutch, throwout barren, pressure plate, runs great, \$1500 obo. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

**1998 Mahindra** 475-DI trac., 47.5 hp, 180 hrs., mind cond., bush hog, set of discs, never used, box scraper, hay fork, \$9500/all. Karen Guidry, Carencro; (337) 896-3463.

**Int. 5088 cab/air** trac., no leaks, excel. cond., \$13,500; Rhino 15' wing cutter, no rust, excel. cond., \$6500. Pat Millet, Gonzales; (225) 571-1228.

**(1) Allis Chalmers** 219 diesel, all tools, (1) Allis Chalmers 45 disc cleaner, (1) smaller Allis Chalmers disc cleaner, (2) tractors running, (1) not, \$5000/all. Wesley Landry, New Iberia; (337) 364-0937.

**JD 5500 cab** trac., air, radio, 800 hrs., 60 hp PTO, \$23,000. D. M. Terral, Covington; (985) 966-0560.

**6' Howse finishing** mower, in excel. cond., used only one season, w/extra set of blades, \$1100; 6' Bush Hog finishing mower, needs minor repairs, \$400. Rick Hackworth, Amite; (985) 747-8086.

**Cummins power** unit, on skids, w/safety switches, 70 hp, no clutch, used on 6" water well, \$3000 firm. Matt Manuel, Oberlin; (337) 639-2308.

**5' Landscape rake** by Land Pride LR 1560, used one day, \$250. Tom Kopfler, Amite; (985) 747-2163.

**Cat D5, full** ROPS, just rebuilt, runs well, ready to work, \$20,000. Shane Delee, Jackson; (225) 634-5867.

**Super "A" Farmall** trac., w/some equip., good brakes & lights, does not use or leak oil, \$2500. Gary Williams, Franklinton; (985) 848-7070.

**Ford 1710** diesel, w/ROPS, \$4500; IH 784 diesel p/s, 1 remote, \$5000; NH 8' HD disc mower, \$900; 9' JD HD blade, \$300; Ford 1500 diesel trac., \$1600; '52 8N Ford trac., \$1800; new 5' modern bush hog, \$695. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

**5' Disc, \$200;** 5' straight grader blade, \$150; 5' bush hog, \$550; 3 pt. lift pole, \$50, all in very good cond. David Winchester, Logansport; (318) 697-5333.

**5' Hyco rotary** cutter, garage kept, no rust, will demonstrate, \$300. Bill Zimmer, Folsom; (504) 279-8040.

**1982 Ford** 1300 trac., 4x4, w/finishing mower & blade, \$5500. U.L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

**175 MF, \$1800;** 501 log haul, \$4500; 2-row cult., w/3 pt. hitch, \$225; single-row cult, \$200; 4' box blade, \$175; pan plow for Super "A", \$250. John Womack,

Winnfield; (318) 628-6768.

**Case 188**, diesel engine, for parts, \$850; 300 IH, running cond., \$850; Case 530, for parts or restore, \$850; used disc, 28/20" diameter, 30/19" diameter, 24/18" diameter, notched 1 1/4" shaft, 72/20" diameter, notched 1 1/2" shaft, \$6/1. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**Used hydraulic** cylinder, 3" bore, 8" stroke, 1" pins, \$20/1; grader blade, 4', \$185; dirt scoop, \$175. B. Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**JD 2940**, 85 hp, trac., w/Rhino bush hog, flex wing, \$15,500. Ted Motlow, Carencro; (337) 896-0859.

**NH 3010**, 42 hp, 91 hrs., 5' bush hog, \$10,000. Dewayne Richards, Eros; (318) 249-2513.

**Gravely model** 566, walk-behind mower, 12 hp, 30" deck, excel. cond., \$750. R. Rodrigue, Amite; (504) 913-8853.

**Ford 3600**, 40 hp, runs good, w/5' bush hog, 5' disc, \$4650 obo. Pat Burmaster, Mandeville; (985) 796-5123.

**Int. 140** high crop, w/cults., good cond., \$2500. Santo Muscarello, Hammond; (985) 542-0465.

**1984 Welger** rd. baler, good cond., kept in barn, used this yr., auto chain, makes 4x4 bales, auto tie, original operator's manuals, \$1200. Lawrence Andrus, Independence; (985) 878-6624.

**1494 Case** trac., canopy, \$8000; 884 Case trac., MFD canopy, \$7900; D6D Cat, ROPS, winch, \$37,000; 8970 JD 4 whl., duals, 3 pt., \$49,500. E. Perritt, Rayville; (318) 728-3035.

**Allis Chalmers** 5015 diesel trac., 15 hp at PTO, 3 pt. hitch, 5' Woods finishing mower, 1200 hrs., very good running cond., \$2800. B. Arnold, Raceland; (985) 537-9109.

**Int. 140**, low wheel, good running cond., \$2600; sweet potato deviner, \$150; (2) NH haybines, for salvage, \$100/1. Robert Ortego, Washington; (337) 826-5245.

**Hydraulic 5th wheel**, \$1500; 7' Side Winder pasture clipper, tag-along, \$1500; MF 200 bull dozer, diesel engine, \$8000; Ford 550 backhoe & bucket, \$6500. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

**Victor track** torch, model VU-15, complete w/track, excel. cond., \$800 neg. Robert Legnon, Jr., Jeanerette; (337) 276-5840.

**Gearbox**, for 6' bush hog & blade attachment, w/stump jumper, no leaks, blade piece, like new, \$275. Norris Baudoin, Perry; (337) 893-5705.

**Int. 130** low crop, 3 pt. hitch, front. cult. frames, \$1500. Leroy Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2770.

**Ford 6700** trac., \$8000; shredder, \$1200. Margie Menard, Opelousas; (337) 942-2074.

**12' Amco plow**, w/hyd. ram & hoses, good cond., \$2000; 8' Side Winder, pull-type bush hog, heavy-duty, good cond., w/ram & hoses, \$1800. P. Hebert, Eunice; (337) 302-3685.

**469 NH haybine**, 9' 3" cutting width, can be used w/35 hp trac., just put \$2400 into it, asking, \$1200. Clifford Myers, Youngsville; (337) 856-6992.

**Yanmar diesel** trac., 24 PTO hp, 8 speed, 3 PTO speeds, \$3200; Ford 4000, w/Ford loader, 46 PTO hp, p/s, gas engine, \$4800. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

**1998 Komatsu** D38P dozer, 6-way blade, joystick, 4400 hrs., excel. cond., \$35,000. James Simmons, Pollock; (318) 765-9373.

**MF 240 diesel** trac., 40 hp, \$8500; MF 255 diesel trac., 55 hp, \$8000; both taken care of, kept in barn, new tires. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

**JD 4040**, 90 hp, cab/air, power-shift, 148 loader, w/joystick, all new tires, shed kept, extra nice, \$24,500. J. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

**Troy Bilt** 5 hp pony tiller, 100 hrs., excel. cond., \$250 obo; 5' dbl. blade grader, \$250 obo. Simon Duplessis, Arabi; (504) 491-4868.

**(2) Farmall cubs**, completely parted out to be sold, body, engine, trans., equipment, priced individually, \$25/1-up. Quinn Richard, Prairieville; (225) 622-5584.

**10' Bush hog**, very good cond., 4 yrs., didn't cut much, under shed, 3 pt. hook-up, \$2500. Terry Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0962 or (337) 363-3893.

**13' 6" Bush Hog** brand cutter, good gear boxes, no leaks, old but cuts good, extra set of blades, deck needs some work, \$900. Jim LeBlanc, Tangipahoa; (985) 229-5752.

**11-Tine Graham** chisel plow, \$700 obo; JD 7100 4-row planter, w/markers, \$800 obo; JD 4-row RM cult., w/shields, \$250. Rickey Brouillette, Alexandria; (318) 767-0848.

**NH sq. baler**, \$1000; Kuhn tedder, \$700. John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.

**Farmall AV** high wheel trac., w/front & rear lift, \$1200; NH 851, 5x5 rd. baler, w/hyd. tie, \$2000. Michael Dupre, Washington; (337) 826-5941.

**Wanted:** 40-60 thousands of piston for Cub trac. Quinn Richard, Prairieville; (225) 622-5584.

**Wanted:** grader blade, JD model 155. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

**Wanted:** tires for 424 IH trac., mounted on wheels, 8-hole rims, rear 6-hole rims. Donald Burley, Monterey; (318) 386-2212.

**Wanted:** 230 MF, for parts, need motor & fuel tank, will overhaul motor. Lloyd Holland, Ragley; (337) 666-2662.

**Wanted:** front-end loader, to fit 90 hp Int. trac. Mike Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.



**1997 Ford** F-350 pickup bed, w/head-ache rack & toolbox, \$500. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**1978 Chevy** 3/4-ton pickup, gas, 1-ton rating, 350 motor, 16" wheels, for parts, \$385. Billy White, Ethel; (225) 634-2393.

**1963 B-61** Mack, w/673 Mack diesel, 34 Tulsa winch & 5th



wheel, 107K miles, tight dolly, \$4800; 34 Tulsa winch, w/overhead rack, \$800; Northwest revolving fairleads, like new, \$1000; 7000-gal. fuel tanks, on heavy-duty skids, \$400. Homer Lindley, Baton Rouge; (225) 927-0361 or (225) 955-6635.

**1994 Ford F-250**, 5 spd., w/a/c, LWB, mint cond., \$4200; '92 Jeep Wrangler, auto, w/a/c, CD, hard & soft tops, plenty chrome & winch, \$7000, w/o winch, \$6500. U.L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

**1991 Dodge Ram 250**, 4 wd, auto, a/c, p/s, power brakes, special heavy-duty trailer hitch, am/fm stereo, new tires, looks good & runs like new, \$4900. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

**Late model** ¾-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/brake drums & cables, \$700. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**1-Ton Int.**, 4 spd. trans. & bell housing, \$200; bell housing & 4 spd. trans., off 370 Ford engine, \$350. H. Starks, Walker; (225) 664-9582.

**1986 Toyota** 4x4 pickup, rebuilt 5 spd. trans., lift kit, roll bar, w/lights, runs well, needs front seal, \$3000 neg. or trade; '80 Chevy pickup, long bed, V8 engine, auto trans., \$750 neg. C. M. Basco, Gorum; (318) 561-6464 or (318) 379-2241.

**1997 S-10** Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, \$3300; '02 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255x70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$13,900. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

**1981 Ford** F-150, 302 V8, 60K miles on rebuilt engine, good a/c, 8' bed, good paint, auto, w/overdrive, \$800. Lawrence Andrus, Independence; (985) 878-6624.

**1984 Isuzu** diesel pickup, no rust, excel. cond., new green paint, \$3499. Albert Browning, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4824.

**1997 Ford** 250, 7.3 diesel, manual trans., 2 door, bench seat, good cond., \$8000. Elmo Smith, Oberlin; (337) 639-2480.

**1986 Pete** 359, 400 Cat 13 spd. 390 s/s vortecs turbo wing, new rubber, \$21,500; 1987 Great Dane, s/s 48-102, \$7500. Johnny McKenzie, Pearl River; (985) 863-5921.

## TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

**(35) Cotton trailers**, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, excel. for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

**1997 Elite** all aluminum horse trailer, slant & camper, 21', 5000 Honda generator, w/25-gal. aluminum tanks, remote start in camper, screen porch, many extras, pulls w/¾-ton pickup, \$22,000.

Wayne Plauche, Carencro; (337) 896-0534.

**1997 Sooner** 4-horse slant load trailer, 4' short wall, all aluminum, excel. cond., living quarters include: insulated walls, a/c, refrigerator, cabinets & mattress, \$14,500. Kristy Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

**2002 Exiss** aluminum 3-horse slant trailer, w/a/c, rear tack & dressing room, \$11,500. Regan Knight, Franklinton; (985) 848-5752.

**Zephyr**, made by Sundowner, steel, 6-horse, slant load gooseneck trailer, \$3000 obo. Mark Himmel, Schriever; (985) 446-1447.

**1981 Chevrolet** body & camping cab trailer, painted dull brown, w/title, \$125. Louis VanHoof, Lecompte; (318) 776-5405.

**HD gooseneck** dovetail equip. trailer, 28' plus 4' dovetail, w/folding ramps, dual tandem axles, rated for 24,000 lbs., \$2995. Otis Alford, Kentwood; oalford@bellsouth.net or (985) 229-8298.

**17' Horse/stock** trailer, bumper pull, saddle compartment, excel. cond., \$2600; 16' gooseneck stock trailer, tarp, excel. cond., \$2500; 5' x 14' utility w/tailgate, new, \$695. Donald Richardson, Winnfield; (318) 727-8754 or (318) 471-1627.

**(2) Horse-drawn** passenger wagons, carries 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, lights, sound system, ideal for group, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; tiadw@aol.com, (225) 664-7372.

**Gooseneck brand** horse/wagon trailer, up to 3 horses in front, w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back/side entry, cabinets & bed in nose, 24' x 6' 8", \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; tiadw@aol.com, (225) 664-7372.

**6' x 10' Flatbed** farm wagon, w/new wood deck & steel reinforcement on deck ends, excel. cond., \$400. Santo Muscarello, Hammond; (985) 542-0465.

**1991 Sundowner**, all aluminum, 3-horse slant, w/camper package, gas/elec. refrigerator, microwave, hot/cold running water, cowboy shower, canopy, new a/c unit, \$18,000. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

**CM, 3-horse** slant load, bumper bull, walk-in tack, \$2300. Pat Burmaster, Folsom; (985) 796-5123.

**20' S & H gooseneck** cattle trailer, bar top, w/canvas, (2) 7000 lb. axles, clean trailer, \$3500. Rudy Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

**Turnbow 2-horse** Thoroughbred trailer, fiberglass top, new floor, new 8-ply tires, good paint job, excel. cond., \$1500. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**2-Horse bumper** pull, ramp, brakes, (4) like new tires, dressing room, side escape doors, rubber mats, great shape, \$1800. Eddie Mullen, Denham Springs; (225) 667-3502 or (225) 445-3577.

**(2) House trailer** axles, (1) w/brakes, (1) w/o brakes, cut to 96", \$100/both. R. Rice, Lena; (318) 793-9484.

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**600-700 gal./min.** Midland PTO water pump, \$1950. William A. Lucky IV, Bossier City; (318) 286-1020.

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**Okra cutters**, hand operated, \$90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, \$450/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**Round pen**, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

**Fiberglass farm** gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

**Liquid feed** tanks, fiberglass, 180-gal. capacity, 2 wheels, good cond., \$100. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

**New galv.** panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Thomson 5C** pecan sheller/cracker, \$3250. Hayward Bourgeois, LaPlace; (985) 652-5306.

**Handmade ranch** saddle, w/large 16" swells, tooled, w/saddle bags, like new, \$500; Circle Y show saddle, 15", w/silver, like new, \$400. John O'Neal, Lake Charles; (337) 433-1856.

**Used child's** saddle, bridle, blanket, good cond., \$195. Billy White, Ethel; (225) 634-2393.

**Mesh pecan** sacks, 30" x 23", w/drawstrings, holds approx. 60 lbs., used once, good for pecans/crawfish, \$20/100. Thomas Norman, Alexandria; Rsipeccans@aol.com or (318) 448-3139.

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**Roping saddles**, Herfeord, Simco, Circle Y, excel. cond., \$375/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

**AAA Paul** brand sheep or hog scales, on wheels, excel. cond., \$600. Jo Thompson, Lake Charles; (337) 582-6523.

**2 3/8"** tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**15, 20 & 30-gal.** cast iron crackling pots, ready to cook in, thick, very old, excel. shape, U.S. made, w/stands & lids, \$250/1-up. Donald Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-9100.

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**(6) Utility poles**, 35' long, \$1.5/ft. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**Custom-made** silver parade saddle, 16" seat, diamond conchos, oak leaf tooling, blk., brand new, \$2500. Robert Kasperski, Erath; (337) 937-8233.

**New 7.5 hp lowline** vacuum pump motor, for dairy milking system, \$1000. Murdock Brumfield, Franklinton; (985) 839-9495.

**Brand new tack**, leather English chaps, \$40; wall-mount saddle rack, \$10; Australian saddle pad, \$10. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

**Heavy-grade** steel tanks, 8'x10', used for liquid feed, all discharge connections, \$100; (1) 500-gal. steel tank, good shape, \$50. Tim Johnson, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7570 or (337) 363-0187.

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**150-Gal. propane** tank, \$150; (5) concrete culverts, 14", \$40; (2) heavy-duty iron culverts, 16"x6", \$20. Pat Miller, Egan; (337) 783-1327.

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**Isuzu GBG1** power unit, w/radiator & PTO, 150 hrs., \$6500. Eddy Andrews, Trout; (318) 758-3124.

**Horse-drawn** grist mill, \$650; power-drawn grist mill, w/shaker, \$500. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

**Sausage stuffer**, cast iron, like new, \$225; #15 jambalaya pot, \$150. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375.

**(2) Used sheet** metal, 4' x 8' x ¼", \$75/1. Harry Allan, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8260.

**2 3/8" Tubing**, 74¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 87¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., larger sizes also avail. Terry Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

**Fuel tanks**, 8' long x 3 ½' diameter, \$100; 6' long x 5' diameter, \$125; sawmill, \$5250. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**(2) Complete jumps** for horses, each jump has (2) wing standards & (2) 12' poles w/cups, \$50/1. Brett or Margaret Busbee, Covington; (985) 893-5422.

**New galv.** corral panels, 5' x 10', \$40; 40' rd. pens, \$575; 50', \$675; 60', \$775, all w/6' ride-through gate. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-6610.

**Semen tank**, MVE 33/36, w/semen from JJ 500, V8 700/3, V8 189/4, \$600. Paul Miller, Lacassine; (337) 588-4362.

## FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

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**Wanted:** old sugar kettles. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

**Wanted:** old horse-drawn implements, plows, rakes, wagons, etc. & old advertisement signs. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

**Wanted:** old slot machine, coke machine, games, etc. Ray, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

## FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

**Cajun Radio Show** live every Saturday night, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Eunice. 4th annual tribute to Hank Williams, Sr., will be Dec. 27, reserved seating only. Admission is \$10 per ticket and the ticket window opens at 4 p.m.

For more information, visit the Eunice site/Liberty schedule at [www.eunice-la.com](http://www.eunice-la.com) or call (337) 457-7389.

**The Crowley Chamber of Commerce** will host the first Rice Capital Championship Gumbo Cook-Off Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena, 159 Cherokee Road, Crowley. It will feature amateur and professional cooking contests with seafood and non-seafood categories. There will be arts crafts, live music and much more.

For more information, please contact the Crowley Chamber of Commerce office at (337) 788-0177.

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## COOKERY

### *Homecooked Holiday Delights*

#### *Sherried Baked Duck*

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 cup dry sherry               | 1/4 tsp red pepper          |
| 1/2 cup water                  | 1 (2 oz) bottle onion juice |
| 2 tbsps vegetable oil          | 4 wild ducks, cleaned       |
| 1 tbsp butter or margarine     | Salt                        |
| 1/2 tsp white pepper           | 4 bay leaves                |
| 1 1/2 tsp dried parsley flakes | 1 large onion, quartered    |
|                                | Orange slices (optional)    |

#### *Double Cheese French Onion Soup*

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| 4 Lg. onions, sliced thin & separated | 1/4 cup dry white Louisiana wine          |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted   | 1/8 to 1/4 tsp pepper                     |
| 1 tbsp all-purpose flour              | 8 slices toasted French bread, 3/4" thick |
| 1 (10 3/4 oz) can chicken broth       | 8 slices mozzarella cheese                |
| 1 (10 1/2 oz) can beef broth          | 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese            |
| 2 cups water                          |   |

Saute' onion in butter in a Dutch oven until tender. Blend in flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add chicken broth, beef broth, water, and wine. Bring to a boil; reduce heat & simmer 15 minutes. Add pepper. Place 8 ovenproof serving bowls on a baking sheet. Place 1 bread slice in each bowl; ladle soup over bread. Top with cheese slice & sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil until cheese melts.

#### *Apple Raisin Stuffing*

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| 3/4 cup minced onion      | 3 cups finely chopped apples  |
| 1 1/2 cups chopped celery | 3/4 cup raisins               |
| 1 cup butter              | 1 1/2 tsp crushed sage leaves |
| 7 cups soft bread cubes   | 1 tsp thyme leaves            |
| 1 tbsp salt               | 1/2 tsp pepper                |

In large skillet, cook and stir onion and celery in butter until onion is tender. Stir in about 1/3 of bread cubes. Turn into deep bowl. Add remaining ingredients and toss. Stuff turkey just before roasting. Yields 9 cups enough for a 12-pound turkey. If stuffing mixture is too dry, add chicken broth for a more moist consistency.

#### *Party Crabmeat*

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| 1 cup butter                                    | 1 cup dry sherry              |
| 1 1/2 cups flour                                | 1/4 cup lemon juice           |
| 2 quarts milk                                   | Worcestershire sauce to taste |
| 3 lbs. fresh crabmeat or 6 (8 oz) cans crabmeat | Dash of nutmeg                |
| 1 lb. mushrooms, sliced & sautéed               | 1/2 cup parsley, chopped      |

In a large pan, melt butter, stir in flour and then add milk. Stir constantly until white sauce is thick. Add all remaining ingredients and heat until all ingredients are hot. Be careful mixture does not scorch. Serve from chafing dish with toast rounds or favorite crackers.

#### *Sherried Baked Duck*

Place sherry in a heavy medium saucepan; heat just until warm (do not boil). Remove from heat; ignite sherry, and let stand until flames disappear. Add next 7 ingredients; heat well. Sprinkle ducks with salt. Place 1 bay leaf and an onion quarter in cavity of each duck; place ducks, breast side down, in a large roaster. Pour half of hot sherry mixture over ducks; cover and bake at 350 degrees for 3 hours or until tender, basting occasionally with pan drippings. Reheat remaining sherry mixture, and pour mixture over ducks; cool. Cover ducks and let stand in refrigerator 1 to 2 hours or until ready to reheat and serve if desired. Cut ducks in half and return to roaster. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot. Place ducks on serving platter; garnish with orange slices and fresh parsley sprigs, if desired. Yields 4 servings.

#### *Holiday Magic Yams*

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| 1 (16 oz) can peaches                    | 1/2 tsp butter               |
| 1 tbsp cornstarch                        | 1/2 tsp cinnamon             |
| 2/3 cup brown sugar                      | 2 (17 oz) cans yams, drained |
| 1 (8 oz) can whole berry cranberry sauce |                              |

Drain peaches and reserve juice. Mix cornstarch in 1/4 cup of peach juice and set aside. Heat reserved peach juice and sugar, cranberry sauce, cinnamon, and butter in an oven/stovetop safe dish, when butter is melted add cornstarch, mix and cook, stir over medium until it thickens. Place yams in center of dish and arrange peaches around yams. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

#### *Berry Christmas Surprise*

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| 1 can whole berry cranberry sauce                   | 1 small can crushed pineapple |
| 2 cups boiling water                                | 2 cups mashed bananas         |
| 2 packages strawberry Jello                         | 8 oz carton sour cream        |
| 16 oz package frozen strawberries, partially thawed | 1/2 cup chopped pecans        |

Mix boiling water and Jello until thoroughly dissolved, add all of the other ingredients except the sour cream and nuts. Pour 1/2 of the mixture into a dish and place in the refrigerator until well set. Leave the other 1/2 mixture sitting out where it will not congeal. When the first 1/2 is well set, mix the nuts and sour cream and spread over it. Then gently pour the remaining half of the Jello mixture over the sour cream and refrigerate until firmly set.



# Christmas short story, continued from page 12



Ralph Chabaud

## Lois "blew into his mouth"

church pageant, Bea surprised Sam and the children by instructing them to walk to the cathedral. She then got into the Model-T with Bob and Lois and drove to the Mouton estate. When they arrived she found Alcide drunk with grief and Ophelia weeping next to Paul's bassinet. All of the extended family milled about outside or in the parlor as the servants quietly tended to their needs. Bea was reminded of a funeral wake as Grandfather Aristotle waited stoically outside the nursery.

Momma Bea, Lois and Bob were admitted into the nursery. Alcide, who had been mostly oblivious to the comings and goings of the house, noticed Lois entering the nursery. He staggered to the doorway and bellowed, "I'll not allow that little voodoo witch doctor into my house."

Ophelia at first seemed surprised by her husband's appearance in the nursery and then the surprise turned to anger as she straightened herself, greeted Bea, cooed at Robert and patted Lois on the head. She walked to the door and slammed it shut. "Thank you for coming. I am appalled at my husband's lack of manners. Please forgive him. I heard of your little miracle. He is truly a beautiful child."

"Chere amie," Madame Mouton said, looking at Lois, "You are always welcome in my home."

"Madame Irwin, look at my Paul. Do you know what can be done? Is there enough for a miracle for my son too?"

Bea turned away and crossed herself after looking at Paul, who was barely able to cry now. She had seen that look before when her four-year-old, Gladys, had died of the flu. She said, "Madame Mouton, if there is a miracle it cannot be provided by you or me. When my child Gladys lay dying in one room as I was giving birth to her brother Raymond in the next, I heard her crying for me, 'MaMa, hold me MaMa.'" I could do nothing except grieve for her and be joyous for my new child at the same time. I prayed for a miracle,

but none came. Miracles do not always come when we ask for them, but I will pray for you and your family."

Ophelia sat down. Bea took Lois' hand and walked to the door. Before she reached the exit she stopped, knelt down and said softly to Lois, "If ever you thought you had a gift from God now is the time." Bea stood up, leading Lois by the hand and started again for the door, but Lois broke her hold. Without looking at Madame Mouton, Lois walked straight to Paul's crib and peered inside. She picked Paul up, held him close to her chest and swayed back and forth with him. Paul stopped crying. Lois looked into his face and said softly, "Oh, mon 'tit garcon, oh, mon 'tit garcon." She walked with Paul to the window and pulled back the curtain. She looked outside to the oak alley, Paul's eyes never left her face. She brought him back to the bassinet, reached in and laid him down. Before she pulled her face from him she kissed Paul on the lips, blew into his mouth and walked quietly to her mother. As she passed Madame Mouton, Lois touched her hand to the older woman's without looking at her.

When Momma Bea, Lois and Bob arrived at the cathedral, they barely had time to put Bob into costume.

The lights were dimmed on the packed house. The organ blared out *Adeste Fidelis* and Lois and Bea were forced to watch the proceedings from backstage. The choir processed into the church, followed by the Bishop and then Monsignor Hebert and then the senior priests and finally the junior priests. The performance went off without a hitch. At the end of the pageant, Joseph/Ovid picked up Bob and held him high over his head, showing him to the audience. Bob was laughing and cooing. The glint from his halo caught Lois' eye. She looked up and saw Ovid and Aspasia, the barren couple.

Ovid and Aspasia exited the stage where Lois and Bea were standing and gave Bob back to his mother. Father John quickly collected Bea and Robert for a curtain call. Ovid said to Lois, "Please..." Without thinking Lois pulled Ovid and Aspasia down by the hands to her. She kissed Ovid on the mouth and hugged Aspasia around her slim waist. "Merci bien," Aspasia said.

The Bishop was making his final blessings and was congratulating Father John on the success of the Pageant. "I'm sure this good work will measure favorably with the Bishop at your next posting. Have Christmas dinner with me tomorrow and come on my rounds. The Lord's



Ralph Chabaud

## "The choir processed into the church"



Ralph Chabaud

## "Joseph/Ovid picked up Bob and held him high over his head"

work never stops, does it, my son?"

"No, Your Excellency, it never does," said Father John Wright of Connecticut.

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... It was a curious and wondrous miracle, but on Christmas Day, when the Bishop and I visited the Mouton residence, fully expecting to perform the last rites on Baby Paul, we were greeted with elation as the infant had made an astonishing rally and was expected to recover fully. One of the Mouton's servants told me "the petite traiteuse done cured him." I prefer to think it was the power of God and I am sure Madame Irwin would have agreed with me. M. Mouton made a very generous contribution to the Cathedral and made some wonderful remarks to the Bishop on my behalf, of which I am certain I am not deserving.

Yours In Christ,  
John

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September 27, 1928  
Father John Wright  
St. Jude's Church  
Pine Hills, Maine

Dear Father John,

We have asked Father Michael, the new priest here at St. John's, to write this letter for us. My wife Aspasia gave birth to a beautiful and healthy eight-pound baby boy yesterday. We hope you won't mind, but we have decided to name him Louis John Wright Hebert in your honor. Of course, we thought we would have to call him by a French name after another person who helped us, but Aspasia says we will always call him by both names, Louis John.

He seems to have T-Bob's disposition.

Father Michael is in charge of the pageant this year. Aspasia and I will play Mary and Joseph one last time and who knows, maybe Father Michael will choose Louis John as the Baby Jesus. After that, someone else will have to take our place.

Father Michael says Maine has four seasons and no bayous. I hope the winter is not too bad there. It must be different for you.

Yours In Jesus,  
Ovid Hebert

My Aunt, Lois Lanclos Broussard, told me my father, Bob Irwin, in fact was bounced out of the Model-T when he was an infant. Everyone thought it was a miracle that T-Bob survived his brief flight and he was presented in church, though not in an elaborate Christmas pageant setting.

Lois really was asked to blow in the mouth of infants as it was thought she had special powers because of the circumstance of her birth, unborn in the womb when her father died.

Beatrice Hebert Lanclos Irwin of Lafayette was my grandmother and Sam Houston Irwin of Colfax was my grandfather. I never knew him.

Although the family names used in the story are familiar to the Lafayette area, all of the other characters are fictional and are not intended to resemble anyone living or dead.

-Sam Irwin



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# Tasty treats in a BASKET

## Tools of the trade

- 1) Containers – baskets, galvanized metal tubs, wooden crates, decorated cardboard boxes, decorative pirogues, hats turned upside down, plastic tubs in various shapes and sizes. Craft and hobby stores usually have a nice assortment of gift “basket” containers.
- 2) Straw, raffia and shiny beauty grass to cover stuffing used in the bottom of the container.
- 3) Filler items – Select small items that can fill the tiny spaces in between products. Mardi Gras beads and candies are ideal fillers.
- 4) Scissors, tape, hot glue gun
- 5) Cellophane wrap or bags
- 6) Colorful ribbon



With a galvanized bucket, a few Louisiana food products, cellophane wrap and a hot air blower, marketing specialist Mary Gallent puts together a festive Christmas basket. Items in the basket include Creole cream cheese, roux, aromatic rice, pepper jelly, sweet potato muffin mix and hot sauce.

This New Year's themed gift basket is filled with wine, a specialty bread round, a chocolate and pecan covered candied apple, pecans and a citrus scented candle, all made in Louisiana. Wine glasses and a porcelain party mask help carry out the theme (above, l to r). This picture offers a small sampling of the many Louisiana products that can be used to fill custom gift baskets. A small wooden pirogue is used to display a Cajun themed gift basket. Homegrown fruits and vegetables brighten a fresh produce basket.

## Tips for making the perfect gift basket

- ◆ Select a theme for the occasion or person. Hobbies, favorite movies, favorites foods and holidays are a few starting points.
- ◆ Carefully choose a container and products to fill it. If you select a container first, be sure to take it with you when you purchase the products to fill it. It's important not to over or under fill the container. This also holds true if you purchase the products first. Take them with you to the store to select a container and make sure you save space for filler materials.
- ◆ Color and direction are important. Product colors should blend well and products should face the same direction. Face product labels forward so the gift recipient can see what is in the basket.
- ◆ Most containers are deeper than necessary for gift basket purposes. Fill the bottom of the container with bubble wrap, crumpled newspaper or packing peanuts. This will add height to the arrangement.
- ◆ Incorporate trinkets that enhance the theme of the basket and can be kept as a reminder of the gift. Some examples are: porcelain Mardi Gras masks, hats, small plates or saucers, fancy dessert napkins, picture frames and decorated glasses.
- ◆ Always secure or stabilize products in the basket for transporting to the recipient. Cellophane wrap will protect items from shifting.

## Coming Your Way

### Wild horse, burro adoption date set

The Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley is hosting a wild horse and burro adoption from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and from 8 a.m. until noon Dec. 14. Animals up for adoption will be available for viewing all day Dec. 12. For more information, call 1-888-274-2133 or (601) 977-5400.

### Dec., Jan. events at Eunice theater

The Jambalaya Band and the City of Eunice are sponsoring two upcoming events at the Liberty Theater.

Saturday, Dec. 27, is the fourth annual “Tribute to Hank Williams, Sr.,” at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, reserved seating only.

Saturday, Jan. 3, is the third annual “Old Tyme Country at the Liberty,” a salute to traditional country music featuring steel guitarist Don Helms of the Hank Williams, Sr., band. Shows are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information, call (337) 457-7389 or email eunicela@hotmail.com.





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Plantation  
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St. Landry Farmers Market  
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# Christmas short story, continued from page 2



Ralph Chabaud

*"Bob was ejected from the car"*

Ophilia the Baby Jesus' costume. The child's color was a pallid gray, not unlike the infant who received the last rites from Monsignor Hebert the month before. Father John urged the Moutons to return home, but Alcide was adamant that rehearsal continue. Ophilia reluctantly put the tiny, elegant costume on Paul, a simple gown with a gold braided sash and a golden headdress to signify a halo.

He began wailing the tears of the injured when she fastened the headdress on the crown of his head and continued crying through the hurried rehearsal, made all the more unpleasant by M. Mouton's drunkenness. Aristile, infuriated with his son's behavior, offered to herd the Mouton's other children back home, but when he saw Paul up close, his face darkened.

"Oh, *mon Dieu*," he muttered softly. He hurriedly left the church with his son's family.

What was supposed to be a difficult, but

joyous rehearsal had now turned somber. Father John led everyone in prayer, and they stayed late into the night offering silent petitions for the stricken Paul.

As the Moutons left the cathedral Momma Bea was returning home to Lafayette. Lois was sitting beside her, talking and playing with Bob who was struggling to stand up in her lap. He would smile and laugh at the funny faces Lois made. Bea was glad to be almost home when the drizzle finally let up. She had been driving slowly in the rain but slowed further when she reached the cemetery adjacent to Royal Street. This was a particularly bumpy street, and she wanted to be careful because the gravel road was filled with puddles and ruts. As they passed the cemetery Lois put the window down and held Bob up to see. "*Regarde Robert, Madame Grande Doigt* is going to get you." Bea turned to scold Lois when she hit a particu-

larly deep mud hole. The jolt bounced Lois and Bea out of their seats at least a foot, and their heads nearly hit the roof of the Model-T. In that moment Lois lost her grip on the baby, and Bob was ejected from the car.

Momma Bea slammed on the brakes, wrenched open the door and jumped out of the car. Her feet immediately sank ankle deep in the street mud. She searched under the steel gray sky for Bob but couldn't find him. All she knew was that Bob was in the car one moment and the next he was gone. Lois spotted him first. He had flown out of the window in a small arc and landed with a splat, flat on his back in the mud between the road and the water-filled ditch. When she reached Bob, he did not move. He appeared to be lifeless.

Lois did not understand or fully appreciate why she reacted as she did in the next few moments. Maybe, just for an instant, she truly believed in the old French folk tradition and that she really was a *traiteuse* blessed with the healing gift, but she instinctively knelt down and blew into Bob's mouth, softly at first and then more vigorously. After what seemed like hours, but was really only seconds, Bob started to coo. Then he began to laugh like only babies can laugh, seemingly expecting another ride on a carousel. Bea stepped out of her shoes, extricating herself from the mud and picked up Bob from the ground. She quickly examined him. Not a scratch. There was a little indentation in the muck where his tiny body landed. Sobbing and laughing at the same time she crossed herself and cried, "*Merçi, mon Dieu*." Lois looked at Momma Bea, her face hot with fear, unsure of what scared her most, Bob coming back to life or Momma Bea. Beatrice simply said, "*Vien ici, Cherie*. Let's go get cleaned up."

When they returned home Bea's neighbors Toot and T-Roo, concerned by their late return, rushed out to check on them. They were alarmed to see Bea, Lois and Bob caked with mud. Such a commotion was raised that all the neighbors flocked to the Irwin house to see what was the matter. Momma Bea hurried inside to get Bob warm while all of the children piled into the front room, crowding around their mother and Bob. Finally, Toot came in and Momma Bea told her what happened. Toot crossed herself many times, bawling "Praise God, Praise Jesus, Praise the Lord. Jesus has done saved that boy. It's a miracle today." She went outside and stood on the front porch, relaying the story to the gathered crowd. "*Cela tient du miracle*," one was heard to say and everyone agreed that it was indeed a miracle. Toot led them in prayer and everyone shuffled home, grateful for the



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mysterious power of the Almighty. By the next morning, word of the miracle had spread even to the Bishop.

Christmas Eve day had the town bustling. Everyone was at the market making sure they didn't forget any sweet or ingredient needed for tomorrow's feast. At Mass that morning Momma Bea learned that little Paul Mouton was grievously ill. Everyone who knew of Bob's miracle also had heard of Paul's deathly illness.

The doctor had been summoned the night before to the Mouton estate, but he could not determine the child's ailment or the cure. The symptoms were no appetite, vomiting, incessant crying and a severe case of thrush, but there was no fever and he could do nothing. He left the next morning as Monsignor Hebert and Father John arrived to minister, and the doctor told them, "*A-Dieu-vat*. It is in God's hands now." The two priests visited with the family and led them in the rosary, but they left feeling saddened and hopeless by the condition of the child.

As the two priests were returning to the rectory, Father John told the Monsignor he would get Claude Benoit, the butcher to take M. Mouton's place as wise man and would select the next name on his list to play the Baby Jesus.

"Who is the child?"

"Why, Clovis Bertrand's grandnephew, Pierre."

Father John prattled on about the technical problems associated with replacing Paul at the last minute.

"I'm not sure if the costume will fit Pierre. He's very fat, you know. He might cry and crawl off the altar..."

The Monsignor interrupted him, "*Non, Pere Jean*. The Lord has provided the courage and the wisdom for you. You must choose Robert Irwin."

"But he is the son of a Protestant *Americain*!" said Father John with little conviction.

"*C'est pas grave*," Monsignor Hebert said softly.

When Bea and Sam heard the news that Bob was chosen to be in the Pageant, they were saddened by the circumstances. Bea was inclined to refuse the honor, but Sam persuaded her to accept. "This is the way for you to thank God for our miracle," he said.

With all the children dressed to go to the See Christmas short story, page 9



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*"She quickly examined him"*